

LARNE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

5 APRIL 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees for Year ended 5 April 2023

J I Calwell

B Howe

H O Neill

(chair rotated monthly)

Treasurer

I Miller

Principal Office

Church Premises

211 Old Glenarm Road

Larne

BT40 1TT

Charity Number

HMRC XN74324

NIC 100687

Independent Examiner

Mr N Hull

14 Princes Gardens

Larne

BT40 1RQ

Bankers

Danske Bank Limited, Ballymena

Solicitors

O Rorke, McDonald & Tweed

29 The Roddens

Larne

BT40

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The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the trust for the year ended 5 April 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Trust's trust deed and the Statement of Recommended Practice : Charities Act (NI) 2008.

Public Benefit Statement/ Objectives and activities

The aim of the Trust is to proclaim the gospel of Salvation and Deliverance of our Lord Jesus Christ, among people of all ages and without geographical or sectarian limitation.

The "Advancement of Religion" was principally through in person Sunday morning and Wednesday evening meetings, with services also posted on line via the Barnabas Ireland youtube channel and Facebook. The weekly bible study was by Zoom. Prayer meetings were a mixture of in person and on Zoom, with a Whatsapp group for individual prayer requests. It was recognised that about 10% of the congregation could not access these services owing to lack of internet access. These people were visited whenever possible.

The church ran a children's holiday bible camp in July 2022, open to any child of primary school age.

The congregation are encouraged to support the "Shoebox" appeal and the Prison Fellowship (NIC 103772) hamper appeal.

The Trust has supported a pastor in Zimbabwe since 2013. Gifts were also made to two Francophone churches in the Sahel (W Africa) and an Educational *Amuta* working with Bedouins in Israel,

An orphan in Guatemala was supported indirectly by congregational giving via a restricted fund Adopt a Child (SC029685). This ceased in August 2022 when Adopt a Child closed

Total giving to charitable causes outside the UK was around 20% of general income during the year,

The Church is affiliated with Barnabas Fellowship of Churches (BFoC), a charity registered in England (1071300). A further 10% of general income is given towards the running of the wider BFoC work.

Structure, governance and management

The Larne Christian Fellowship Trust was established by Trust deed on the 26 November 1986.

New trustees may be appointed from UK residents by a majority of the Trustees.

The day to day management of the Larne Christian Fellowship Trust, is conducted by the Trustees, assisted by the Treasurer.

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Risk Management

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the trust is exposed and established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

Fiduciary - all cheques must be signed by two people. There are 5 signatories. Annual accounts have been independently examined since inception and the examiners recommendations for improved procedures have been implemented.

The Trust has a child and vulnerable adult protection policy in place similar to that of local schools. This was reviewed during the year.

The Trust carries insurance for Public Liability, Employers Liability, Buildings and contents, and Business interruption.

The Trust has the premises inspected annually for fire safety and electrical safety and conducts periodic health and safety checks.

The Trust has maintained a Food Hygiene rating of 5*** from Mid and East Antrim Borough Council for its kitchen facilities and practices, although the café has not reopened following the Covid shutdown

Financial Review

The trust mainly relies on its donors who gave £37,808, during the financial year, with a further £6,503 Gift Aid tax rebate from HMRC. There was no Trading Income.

The Trust has at the year end £ 87,219 (2022 £91,751) of current Liquid assets investments and these reserves are being accumulated for:

1. Future paid employment of a full time pastor.
2. Future expansion/upgrade of the Church facilities.

The major acquisition of assets was a new overflow carpark for 24 vehicles.

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Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the trust and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether the applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the trust and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with United Kingdom Accounting Standards and the provisions of the trust deed. The trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

B. Howe
B Howe Trustee

Dated 20 January 2024

J I Calwell
J I Calwell Trustee

Dated 27 January 2024